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TO: Community Services Block Grant Providers

FROM: Lloyd Throne, Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lloyd Throne'.

DATE: August 20, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009/2010 CSBG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)  
Contract

Enclosed is the FFY 2009/2010 CSBG ARRA contract, and allocation spreadsheet. The contract term is July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. As most of you are aware, ARRA of 2009 is the nation's response to the extraordinary and exigent circumstances resulting from the on-going global economic crisis. Federally funded programs designed to foster recovery, create jobs, and transform the American economy have been developed in a volatile and rapidly evolving environment. Because ARRA programs are both a result and a reflection of the exigencies of the situation, our ARRA contracts differ significantly from our program contracts in the past. I urge all board members, executive staff and program managers to read this contract closely to ensure your CSBG program is fully compliant with all ARRA requirements and expectations.

To the extent ARRA programs are consistent with our standard programs, we have endeavored to retain contract language, structure and format that you will find familiar. Of necessity, however, much is new. In order to make it easier for you to become familiar with the contract and its unique requirements, we have segregated ARRA-specific provisions into a separate section of the contract which you will find at the beginning of the document. With all the new material located in one place, you need not hunt through the routine "boilerplate" provisions to find what is different and unique. The ARRA-specific portion of the contract is structured using the familiar exhibits.

The standard provisions and "boilerplate" in all contracts are retained in the second section of the contract, which continue to be organized by the familiar exhibits. To the extent that the ARRA-specific provisions/ exhibits contradict or are inconsistent with the standard contract provisions/ exhibits, we have endeavored to remove the affected provisions from the second section. Should contradictions between the two sections remain, the ARRA-specific section prevails over the standard provisions, as provided in the contract itself.

The Community Services Division will be scheduling a webinar to review the CSBG ARRA contract terms and conditions, and Program Guidance. You are encouraged to read all of these documents in their entirety before the webinar. I look forward to our continued partnership in the 2009/2010 CSBG ARRA Program, and to future discussions on issues related to the CSD CSBG Programs.

Attachments